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SWEARING TO THEIR AGE.

The law should be changed requiring women to swear to their exact age when it comes to registering. There is no sense to their having to swear other than that they are 21 or over. Women have a delicacy about this matter that men do not understand. They even refuse to register because they are required to give their ages, and therefore the law giving them the vote becomes for thousands of women a dead letter. This is to be regretted. The public service needs the woman's vote. Their intuition, intelligence, sense of duty are badly needed in the making and administration of our laws. The next legislature should enact a new law, giving all women over 21 the right to vote, without requiring them to say when they were 21. What has that got to do with it anyway? Some times we feel that this regulation got there through the influence of some women-haters. Change it immediately.

NOT SO SHOCKING.

The method reported to be practiced in a Chicago school for settling unprovoked aggressions among the male pupils may seem especially shocking to some mothers. According to the information given out the boys, principals in the quarrel, adjourn to the basement and there with the principal of the school as referee settle the matter in a fistfight. That boys should be encouraged to fight, moreover that it should be officially sanctioned, may cause some to feel a shudder of horror at contemplation of the whitherward of our drift. Yet it is a fact known to some fathers, and some mothers, too, doubtless that there is nothing more highly reformatory to a boy with bullying propensities than to get a thorough licking at the hands of a boy that he bullies. When Johnny comes home from school in a rather badly battered condition the wise parent is not too violently inquisitive about what happened. The parent should feel that if Johnny was in the wrong, he got about what he deserved and, if the other boy was the aggressor, from the evidence presented the latter must have known that he was in a fight. The boy of manly instincts will not be hurt by having to fight to prevent imposition, while if inclined to be overbearing he will be less so if he knows that his arrogance means that he must fight to maintain it.

While it may seem somewhat of a descent from dignity for a school principal to preside over a fight, does not the presence of that functionary guarantee that the "mull" will be fair and that the outcome will

best serve the purpose for which it was designed? Under such supervision the one that most deserves the licking should stand a reasonable chance of being the loser. Besides, kicking in the ribs, gouging at the eyes and pulling hair would be barred by the rules, probably. We have no idea that the plan will be adopted generally, but it may not be as debasing as some might be inclined to think. The boy who is willing to fight for his rights and his honor is not so likely to have to fight. The boy who fears to fight is the one in whom it should be encouraged for his own protection and we can see how the Chicago plan to curb the desire of those too willing to fight by proving to them early in their careers that they have gone astray in their ambitions to become John L. Sullivans. In fact, the Chicago idea does not shock us. We think we know something about boys.

CUMBERSOME ELECTION METHOD.

The method of electing members of the senate of the United States by legislatures of the states has been superseded by the direct method, authorized by adoption of the seventeenth amendment a few years ago. The next amendment should be one providing for direct choice of president and vice-president by the electorate.

Under the present system of choosing president and vice-president, the voters indicate by their ballots choice of party, but they have no legal assurance that the electors whose names appear on the ballot will vote for the candidates of their choice.

Whatever obligation rests upon the electors receiving a plurality of votes in any state is moral only. There is nothing in the constitution making it mandatory that they shall support the candidates on the tickets upon which the electors were chosen.

It is true that little confusion has arisen from this ability of any elector to vote against the candidate of his party, although in a number of cases the electoral vote of a state has been divided, and in a close contest in the electoral college a few electors might defeat the will of the plurality party by voting contrary to expectations.

A candidate for president may receive a plurality of the votes of the people, yet fail to obtain a plurality in the electoral college, which would seem to be contrary to the principle that a majority should be accepted as expressing the will of the nation. Under the direct ballot, the plurality of voters would determine the choice.

The constitution of the United States provides for the federal system—the expression of the will of the people through their representatives. That is seen in the selection of members to congress and to the state legislatures, who represent specified districts of the nation. The selection of senators by popular vote was a step from the federal system toward a democracy, where the voters make direct choice. The same method, if applied to the presidency, would still further depart from the federal system and make the will of the plurality effective at all times.

NEBRASKA FARMERS fear they will have to burn corn for fuel. To some that would seem a shameless waste since it might be turned into mash.

AFTER THE ELECTION results are a few days old the average voter will feel that what they meant to him was largely imaginary.

ALL OF THE CANDIDATES wound up the campaign all right, but some of them discovered a broken mainspring the day after election.

THE TALK ABOUT turkeys being scarce is an indication that Thanksgiving is the next big day on the calendar.

THE PASSING SHOW

OUR pastor does not thank God

THAT he is not as other men are

like the

PHARISEE did when he had the

error

OF his ways pointed out to him

BUT we sometimes think

IT tickles the good man to feel that

he

DOES not belong to any of the

OTHER denominations.

AND then again there are people

WHO go through life on the theory

that what

THEY like to do should be legalized

AND what other people like to do

SHOULD be prohibited.

ONCE in a while a 4x2 husband will

tell you

THAT he refrains from chastising his

4x2 wife

BECAUSE no gentleman will strike a

lady.

WE have our moments of

DEPRESSION over the ratio of fun

to work

AND worry in this old vale of tears

WHEN we say in our

EMBITTERED way, "Oh well we

suppose one

MUST take the bitter with the sweet

if any.

THE funniest thing in the world

IS to pick up a week old democratic

PAPER and read over the election

predictions.

DID you ever hear of a

MAN suing his wife for divorce

BECAUSE she wouldn't go to

CHURCH with him on Sunday?

WELL neither did we.

NO one it seems to us, not even a

DEAR old lady running an electric

limousine

CAN feel more immune

FROM all traffic rules, regulations

AND restrictions than a

MAN with a horse and wagon.

ANOTHER little pathetic feature of

EVERYDAY life is a girl over 35

named Bab.

WHY is it that a girl

WHO is hobbling along with her No.

6 feet

JAMMED into No. 2 shoes

WILL smile cheerfully

AND tell you that they are a

MILE too big for her?

OUR observation of our fellowmen

FOR a number of years

LEADS us to the conclusion

THAT it pays better in the long run

TO be square rather than smart

AND in most cases much easier.

WE don't know much

BUT we do know that most of our

speeches

MADE by political candidates

WHO accuse the corrupt and de-

praved

NEWSPAPERS of garbling them

COME already garbled.

SOME women look classy in any-

thing they wear

WHILE some others look as if ev-

erything

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This executive order, issued under the provisions of the Lever act, was the last government restriction on the selling of foodstuffs, which were put into effect by the food administration during the war. The proclamation went to the state department because that department now has control of the war trade board administration.

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